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**VINH AIRFIELD
NORTH VIETNAM
18-44N 105-40E**

DRAINAGE DITCHES

RUNWAY MARKERS

AUGUST 1969 REACTIVATED

MARCH 1969 UNSERVICEABLE

APRIL 1965 SERVICEABLE

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REFERENCE:

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VINH, NORTH VIETNAM
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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

VINH AIRFIELD IS IMPORTANT TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE AS A POTENTIAL LOGISTIC SUPPORT AIRFIELD CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING SUSTAINED TRANSPORT OPERATIONS OR AS A JET FIGHTER RECOVERY BASE. IT IS THE SOUTHERNMOST OPERATIONAL AIRFIELD IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

3.5 NM NORTH OF VINH

3. REMARKS:

THE RUNWAY AT VINH AIRFIELD HAS BEEN UNSERVICEABLE SINCE MAY 1965. A NATURAL SURFACE STRIP PARALLELLING THE RUNWAY HAS BEEN INTERMITTENTLY SERVICEABLE SINCE JANUARY 1968. RUNWAY REPAIR COMMENCED IN LATE MAY 1969.

4. COLLATERAL:

THE RUNWAY IN ITS PRESENT STATE OF REPAIR IS SERVICEABLE TO LIGHT AIRCRAFT AND PROBABLY TO JET AIRCRAFT. FURTHER REPAIR ACTIVITY MIGHT INCLUDE EFFORTS TO ROLL OR COMPACT THE RUNWAY SURFACE, IMPROVE THE TAXIWAYS AND PARKING REVETMENTS, AND DELINEATE THE RUNWAY PERIMETERS.

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5. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS:

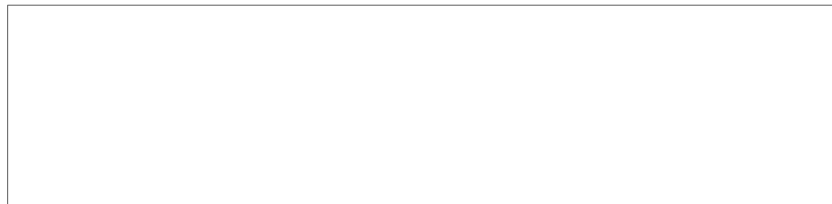
RUNWAY DIMENSIONS ARE 6400 X 190 FEET NW/SE.

6. MISSION READOUT: LOW LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY OF REVEALS THAT THE

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RUNWAY AT VINH AIRFIELD IS NOW SERVICEABLE (TOP PHOTO). ALL THE CRATERS IN THE RUNWAY HAVE BEEN FILLED AND THE SCRAPING ACTIVITY IS IN ITS FINAL STAGES. THE WESTERN SHOULDER OF THE RUNWAY PREVIOUSLY USED AS A CRUDE LANDING STRIP (MIDDLE PHOTO) HAS BEEN RETURNED TO ITS FORMER FUNCTION AND ITS DRAINAGE DITCHES HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED AND MADE OPERATIONAL.

NUMEROUS TRUCKS AND PIECES OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA.



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